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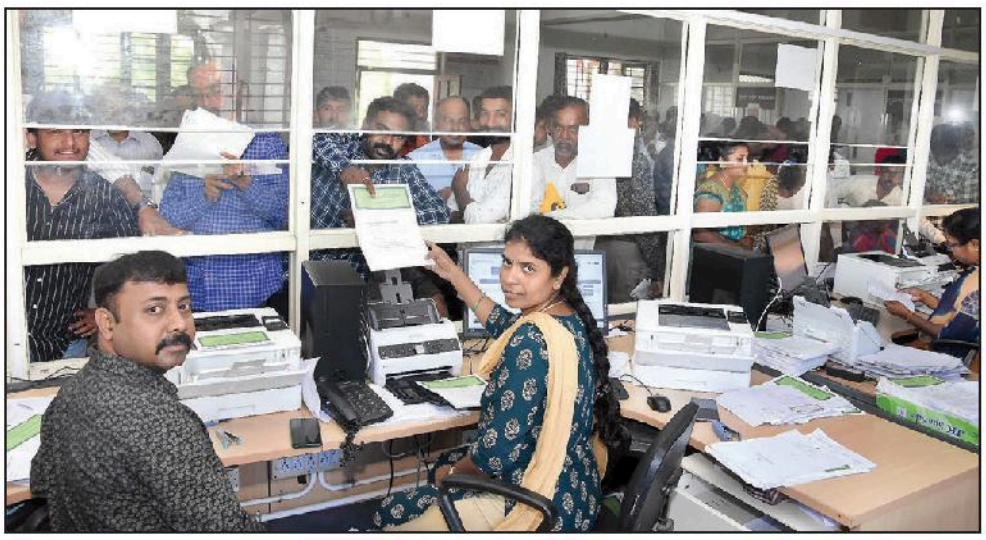

People thronging the Mysuru North Sub-Registrar Office at Mini Vidhana Soudha in Nazarbad, Mysuru, this morning.

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (RK&BCT)- The Department of Stamps and Registration, operating through its 256 Sub-Registrars' Offices across the State, is currently experiencing a surge in revenue collection from stamp duty and registration fees ahead of the upcoming increase in the guidance value of properties starting from tomorrow (Oct. 1).

Effective from tomorrow, the guidance value of properties will see a 30 percent rise, which will extend to 50 percent in urban areas and densely populated IT corridors. This adjustment will lead to an increase in stamp duty and registration fees. In anticipation of higher demand, all Sub-Registrars' Offices have been operating from 8 am to 8 pm since Sept. 22, culminating tonight as the old guidance value ends.

In Mysuru, the Department has already collected a significant amount, totalling Rs. 6,10,54,991 (from Sept. 22 to Sept. 30) from 774 properties as of this morning, with figures expected to rise further by 8 pm today.

The extension of working hours has proven to be a windfall for the Government. Statewide, reports indicate that revenue exceeded the Rs. 300 crore mark on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

(See STAMP DUTY on page 7)

Release of Cauvery water from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu

Karnataka to file review petition before CWMA, SC today

Bengaluru, Sept. 30 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government yesterday decided to challenge Cauvery Water Management Authority's (CWMA) decision upholding the order of Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) to release 3,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu until Oct. 15. The State announced its intention to file a review petition with both the CWMA and the Supreme Court on Saturday (today).

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar held discussions with retired Supreme Court and High Court judges, as well as former Advocate Generals of the State last evening, seeking their input on the matter.

"We will file a review petition before the CWMA and the Supreme Court. The State is unable to comply with the directive due to insufficient water levels in our reservoirs," CM Siddharamaiah stated after the meeting.

The meeting included former Chief Justice of India M.N. Venkatachaliah, retired Supreme Court Judges Shivraj Patil, V. Gopala Gowda, R.V. Ravindran, former High Court judges P. Vishwanath Shetty and A.N. Venugopal Gowda and former Advocate Generals B.V. Acharya, Madhusudhan Naik, Vijayashankar, Uday Holla and K. Ravivarma Kumar.

Earlier on Friday, the CWMA had ordered Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of water to Tamil Nadu from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15. The Authority rejected Karnataka's request for a break in water release, citing insufficient storage in the Cauvery reservoir to meet drinking water and agricultural demands. Additionally, experts recommended presenting the construction of the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir cum Drinking Water Project as a solution before the Supreme Court.

(See PETITION on page 7)

Vatal Nagaraj calls for 'KRS Chalo' on Oct. 5

More than 1000 vehicles to be taken in a procession from Bengaluru to KRS dam in Mandya

Bengaluru, Sept. 30 (TRR)- Buoyed by the success of Karnataka Bandh call given by several pro-Kannada organisations on Friday, Kannada Chaluvali Vatal Paksha leader Vatal Nagaraj has said, "Karnataka which has witnessed two bandhs in one week will witness another mammoth protest on Oct. 5 against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu."

Speaking to media persons, Vatal Nagaraj announced that to further register people's protest against the decision of the State Government to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, several pro-Kannada outfits will take out a procession from Bengaluru and lay siege to KRS reservoir on Oct. 5."

(See KRS CHALO on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-4 for Abracadabra titled ***"This is Amrit Kaal for Karnataka to accept National Education Policy".*** **—Ed**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 30th September 2023

Plea to install Piteel Chowdaiah statue at Kalamandira junction

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (GA&DM)- Maintaining that the City's Principal Civil and JMFC Court has restrained the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) from naming or installing a statue of some other personality at Violin Maestro Sangeetha Ratna Piteel Chowdaiah Circle (Kalamandira junction) on Hunsur Road, High Court advocate N.P. Amrutesh of S.S. Gowda Law Associates has said it is not correct on the part of MCC to name the Circle afresh after Nadaprabhu Kempegowda and install his statue there.

Piteel Chowdaiah

Addressing a press meet here recently, Amrutesh said that the naming of any Circle after any personality is done taking into consideration the history attached to the area around it and this practice is being followed for decades. In this backdrop, the MCC named the Kalamandira junction as Piteel Chowdaiah Circle in 2018, considering the contribution made by the late Violin Maestro to Music. But as the MCC removed the Circle nameboard and made moves to install the statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda there, he moved the court. The City's Civil and JMFC Court, which heard the case, has issued a restraint order directing the MCC not to name the Circle after anyone else other than Piteel Chowdaiah, he noted.

Asking the MCC to follow the Court order, he warned that he would file a Contempt of Court case against the MCC if it went ahead with its plans of naming the Circle (Kalamandira junction) after Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

Advocates Sadanandagowda, M. Satish, P. Satish, R. Raghu and Deeksha Amrutesh were present at the press meet.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The tension is over. The crowd has melted. The galleries are empty. Smashed racquets, broken bottles, dirty towels — the flotsam and jetsam of a tournament watched by millions of spectators around the world. The lonely victor looking up at the sky has proved to the world that he is the greatest of all tennis players. He is the real GOAT and confirmed it too in a maddening, cheering arena where he played a flawless game of tennis. He also maintained his composure under incredible stress. The US Open was his greatest challenge and test of endurance. He faced it with cool aplomb. It was a moment of agony and ecstasy for a world-class player chasing his 20th grand slam, added to the mind-boggling prize money and his own reputation as the world's best tennis player. Djokovic, with his enormous skills of recovery and endurance, proved once again that he was no ordinary GOAT nibbling away at the grass at Wimbledon. His victory was not accidental. It was the reward of long, gruelling endurance tests and practice sessions carried out under rigorous schedules. The man who humbly touched the earth in a gesture of reverence seemed to remind himself that he was just an ordinary player driven by some extraordinary force that day.

The greatest tennis players belonged to our generation. Players like Martina Navratilova, or did she really exist? Boris Becker, who, at 17 years old, became a sensation in my world. I remember buying my first small black-and-white TV set just to watch him play. That was sometime in the 1970s, when owning a TV set itself was a great luxury. We have travelled a long way since. Refinement in technology has changed the very perception of the game. Glitz and glamour have taken over, while a game called tennis is now all about money, connections, and fame. The Hall of Fame is symbolic of that transformation. Stars are judged by what they are worth in dollars, their fancy homes, or the brand names of their clothes and shoes. The game will soon be incidental. —*Vatsala Vedantam in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Elephant returns child's shoe at Zoo

Shandong: Though strong and huge, elephants are called gentle giants for a reason. They are exceptionally intelligent, calm and sensitive animals, capable of understanding emotions. One such heart-warming old video of an elephant at a Zoo in China has resurfaced on the internet, leaving users in awe.

Indian Forest Service officer Susanta Nanda shared the video which opens to show the 25-year-old male elephant named Shan Mai noticing a fallen shoe in its enclosure in Weihai City in Shandong, China. The intelligent jumbo soon picks the shoe up with its trunk and returns it back to the boy, amid loud cheers. Internet loved the sweet moment and many were amazed by its kindness and intelligence. One user wrote, "Time to exchange places...as the gesture in this video is humane and so-called human gone wild."

Woman's bizarre 'funeral-themed' pregnancy shoot

Kentucky: Pregnancy is an exciting time in a woman's life and many expecting moms choose to capture this beautiful journey through maternity photo-shoots. Recently, a woman in the US went viral on the internet with her bizarre maternity photo-shoot.

Cheridan Logsdon, a 23-year-old woman from Kentucky announced her pregnancy while dressed in a black gown and veil in a funeral-themed pregnancy shoot.

She shared the pictures on Facebook and captioned them as "RIP to be kid-free! At the ripe age of 23, the young and turnt, rich auntie has finally transitioned over to a mother. All jokes aside, I'm truly excited to start this new chapter in my life! Still can't believe it but it's growing on me, iykyk." In the images, she is seen pictured in a dark veil, wiping her eyes while holding up photos of her sonogram.

HEALTH CAPSULE

MYTH - Exercise will bring down milk production.

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By Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor
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LIFE'S ON

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Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, Sept. 30- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up its 2nd quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Doddakere Maidan, there will be no power supply on Oct. 3 between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas:

Ramanuja Road 1st and 2nd Cross, Hosabandikeri, JSS Hospital, Agrahara, Basaveshwara Road, Chamundipuram, Thyagaraja Road, Chamundi foothill, Gunduraonagar, Dattanagar, Muneshwaranagar, Gowrishankarnagar, Nanjangud Tollgate, Tavarekere, Jockey Quarters, Race Course, Sub-urban bus stand, Nazarbad, Ittigegud, Zoo area, Govt. Guest House, Taluk Office, D. Devaraj Urs Road, B.N. Road, Siddarthanagar, Allanahalli surrounding areas, Girirdarshini Extension, Mysore Palace surroundings, Sri Harsha Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road, Dhanvanthri Road, Shivarampet and surrounding areas, according to CESC Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

Chidravalli Power distribution Centre: Chidravalli, Ukkalagere and Somanathapura Gram Panchayat limits.

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Yesterday's level **97.56 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.33 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,853.89 feet**
Today's Inflow **4,153 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **854 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,794 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,176 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,400cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Over 70 per cent of our planet's oxygen is produced by the ocean.*
- *The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest ocean and contains around 25,000 islands.*
- *Mount Everest is about 60 million years old.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A four-year-old boy and his father went to the beach. There was a dead seagull lying on the sand. The boy asked his father, "Dad, what happened to the birdie?" His dad told him, "Son, the bird died and went to heaven." Then the boy asked, "And God threw him back down?!"

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

This is Amrit Kaal for Karnataka to accept National Education Policy

The education policy for our independent India that is Bharat was simply a carry over of what Britishers gave us during their colonial rule of our country. After independence, there was a hurriedly prepared education policy that was put in place in 1948 when our present Constitution was not framed.

As a result, I knew more about Trafalgar Square in London than our own K.R. Circle. I knew more of Queen Victoria and King George V than our own Maharajas and Maharanis, who also ruled in many kingdoms of our huge country.

Foreign invaders were glorified for their valour at the cost of the Hindu kings and queens, who also fought bravely and lost because of betrayers and traitors.

If this is about political history, there was also social and economic history which was given an adverse narrative blaming the Hindu religion and the social structure. All this is understandable because it was in the interest of the conqueror and the coloniser to project an image that would demoralise the conquered or colonised people.

However, it was unfortunate that even after giving unto ourselves a Constitution (mother of all other statutes and laws enacted by the Parliament) our National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) could not be implemented in all the States to reclaim our lost opportunity and to learn about the true history of our country.

For any civilised nation, the most important renewable resource to develop the country's infrastructure and economy (to lead a better life with *swabhiman*) is the people of that country. In order to enrich this human resource in a democratic country, it is important as much as imperative that the people must be provided with the new policy of education, abandoning the burden of the old colonial dispensation.

It is true that there were three National Education Policies framed in 1948, 1968 and 1986, but unfortunately only cosmetic changes were made to what the Britishers had given us. Unfortunately, it had an element of appeasement to minorities which came to be known as vote-bank politics. Certainly it was not a sound education policy.

Education, which is administered mostly by the Government after independence in Government-run schools, did not have any change in the text books on the narrative of history, economics and sociology. As far as science text books are concerned, no prejudice or distortion was possible. You cannot defy or deny the law of gravitation nor make 2+2 = 5 !

However, institutions run by the minority communities enjoyed their rights under the Constitutional provisions where they could impart education to the students not only about their religion but also ethics and moral derived from their culture.

The famous Constitutional lawyer of India, Fali S. Nariman, in his autobiography titled ***'Fali S. Nariman, before memory fades...'*** writes about a case about the rights of all minorities (about their religion, language) to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice and also to establish schools and colleges "for general education." Nariman had appeared in this case for the Hindu religious majority client. Of course, he lost the case.

Nariman recalls with a sense of disappointment about two important cases he lost in the Supreme Court despite its merit. Being a journalist myself and also the stakeholder of a newspaper, let me mention here the other case he lost in the Supreme Court despite its merit.

That case relates to the Freedom of the Press (Freedom of Speech and Expression as enshrined in the Constitution). The other case was, of course, about the rights of all minorities to establish and administer educational institutions as against the right of the majority religion.

To revert to the NEP, the Constitution provides in the Seventh Schedule (Article 246) what is known as 'Subject matter of laws made by the Parliament and by the Legislators of the States — List 1, List 2, List 3. Central List, State List and Concurrent List.'

The subject related to education is in the Concurrent List. It says that the Legislature of the State may make laws under this Concurrent List for the whole or any part of the State. However, the laws made by the Parliament would prevail. The NEP is only a policy statement and not a law. Therefore, the Congress Government of Karnataka has now decided to reject NEP and frame its own education policy. That is a clear case of politics taking precedence over what is good for the State and its people for posterity.

It is in this context we must listen to educationists like Professor, former Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda; litterateur, veteran journalist and political commentator Ravindra Reshme and the current Chairperson of Manipal Global Education T.V. Mohandas Pai.

Political vendetta or revenge is not in the interest of our today's children who will be our country's citizens tomorrow.

In Siddharamaiah's decision to junk the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020), there is a danger of our State lapsing into an educational policy that is myopic, sans vision for the good of our Kannada children.

Siddharamaiah, an accidental Chief Minister this time, after scrapping the Centre's new National Education Policy, may come up with his own State Education Policy (SEP) to appease communities and castes to boost his vote-bank account. He will become his master's voice.

Sadly, even after independence, India that is Bharat has been suffering the dominant presence of Lutyens, the architect who built New Delhi and the old Parliament House and of Macaulay, who formulated the colonial education policy for British India. The body of Lutyens and the soul of Macaulay, so to say. We could not cleanse ourselves of the shameful past.

Now Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cast off the Lutyens' body with a new Parliament House. He also has cast off Macaulay's soul with a new National Education Policy. But in Karnataka, the new Congress dispensation has to do some soul-searching before scrapping Modi's NEP. *Amen.*

Jai Karnataka

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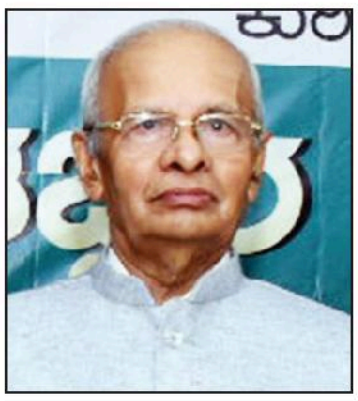

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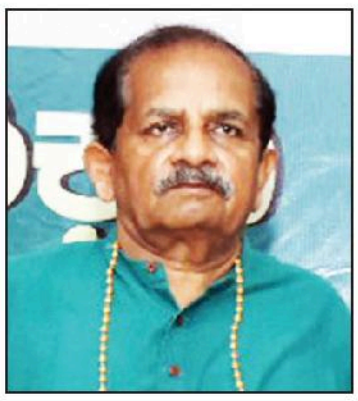


Ravindra Reshme

T.V. Mohandas Pai

Let wiser counsel prevail 🙏

Dr. K. Kasturirangan, former ISRO Chief and a member of NEP Committee, in his response to an article by Dr. Bhamy Shenoy of city's MGP, has replied as follows: "....It took three years for us to ensure we not only identify all the critical issues of education... not overlooking the plurality and diversity of our country... All important ideologies have been covered so also religious sector... we have done this not only based on our personal judgement but also of scholars, academics, educationists, who are familiar of this important educational sector. To treat such a serious effort in a casual manner (by the Opposition) is totally unfair."

Dr. Anurag Behar, President of Azim Premji Foundation and a member of NEP Committee, responded to Dr. Bhamy Shenoy thus:

"In the past three years I have heard the Opposition parties in the Parliament that they would publicly protest against the NEP. However, they said, they would try and implement most of it, because it is good for education."

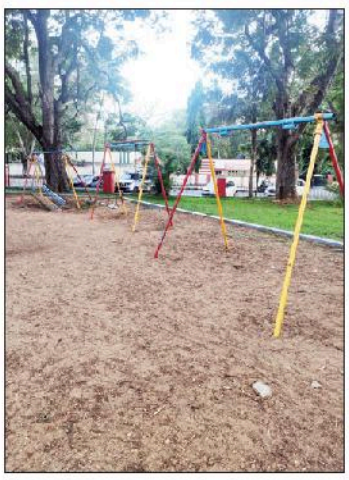
They have written more. But will our Congress Government hear their wise counsel. I doubt. We know from history that where there is too much of politics no progress is possible, specially in a democracy.

That was what had happened before 2014.

According to T.V. Mohandas Pai, Chairperson of Manipal Global Education, the decision of the Karnataka State Government on NEP is very wrong. NEP is a framework, set of principles which give flexibility to educational institutions and greater autonomy. States can modify and change! Why is the future of our youth compromised for political reasons?

VOICE OF THE READER

Broken kids' rides in Cheluvamba Park



Sir,

The kids play area in Cheluvamba Park opposite Akashvani in Yadavagiri is in a deplorable condition and requires urgent repair.

The play equipment is old and rusty. Swings and slides are broken. It poses a risk to children who visit the park to play. The park is in a very renowned spot and lot of public come with their children to enjoy the evening.

It's been more than a year since the condition of the rides are in dilapidated state. I request the authorities concerned to look into the matter and get it rectified.

—Gagandeep Singh

Mysuru
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Chamarajanagar oxygen tragedy

Family members of COVID victims to get Government job: CM

Chamarajanagar, Sept. 30- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has assured of Government job to a family member of each of the 36 COVID patients, who allegedly died for want of oxygen at Chamarajanagar District Hospital in May 2021 after considering it as a special case. The CM gave this assurance at the progress review meeting held at the ZP Hall in Chamarajanagar recently when Kollegal MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy raised the issue.

Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the family members of 13 COVID victims have been paid Rs.5 lakh each while the family members of 11 other victims have been paid Rs.2 lakh each as compensation. CM Siddharamaiah, who intervened, questioned what action has been taken on the promise of providing Government job to a family member of each of the victims as promised by the Congress then, to which the District In-charge Secretary Manjunath Prasad said that details regarding educational qualifications of the family members have been gathered and a search has been carried out on the jobs available in Departments in accordance with their qualification.

Subsequently, preparations are being made on sending a proposal to the Government in this regard, he added.

Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said Government jobs can be provided considering it as a special case.

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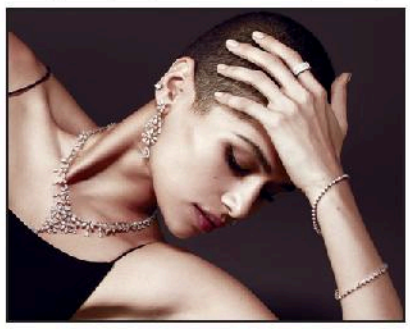

Aukera invites Mysuru residents to embark on a journey of elegance, quality and individuality by upgrading to lab-grown diamond jewellery like never before.

Impressionz fashion curator Krupa Sumanth will showcase Aukera's collections at an exclusive exhibition at Hotel Southern Star in city on Oct. 2 and 3 between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm.

At Aukera, the choice is more than just a decision; it's a commitment to own exquisite, eco-conscious diamonds at prices that promise true value. The Aukera collection represents not only jewellery that looks and feels good but also aligns with the ethos of doing good for the planet.

Aukera's diamonds are crafted to perfection, thanks to the meticulous scrutiny by their diamond alchemists. These experts obsessively grade and approve only E-F colour diamonds, ensuring that every Aukera diamond exudes a captivating brilliance.

Aukera jewellery will showcase scintillating diamonds, VVS and above, radiating pure elegance and sophistication. The Aukera experience offers a vast range of carat sizes, combined with an unbeatable value equation.

For those seeking something distinctive beyond the conventional round cut diamonds, Aukera's fancy cut collection offers a wealth of options. From oval and emerald to princess, marquise, cushion, baguette, pear, and heart-shaped diamonds, one is sure to find a unique piece.

Aukera believes in transparency and customer satisfaction. The option for exchange and buy-back ensures that your jewellery remains as dynamic as your style. So don't miss this rare opportunity to explore the stunning collections up close and personal, and discover why Aukera is set to redefine the standards of diamond jewellery in Mysuru.

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Vikram Muthanna

Bandh is not a solution

Every time there is failure of rains and the river Cauvery drains, there is fire in the plains.

Yesterday, a Karnataka Statewide Bandh was organised to voice opposition to the Government's decision to release Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

But what purpose did the recent bandhs serve? Did it bring rain? Did it stop the Government from giving water? Did it force our leaders to come together and find a permanent solution? No. Instead, it hurt the economy of Bengaluru and Karnataka. Worse, it hurt the daily wagers.

According to *The Times of India*, industry bodies like Karnataka Employers Association (KEA) and Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) estimate that the 2-day bandh may have cost our State a loss of around Rs. 4,000 crore.

The Cauvery River water sharing has been an issue since 1924! But it got complicated post-independence and even more so after the State Reorganisation. It's been 99 years and we still don't have a solution!

But are bandhs and rasta-rokos the solution? Every time there is a Cauvery protest, it gets hijacked by politicians who sniff a political opportunity.

Back in 2012, when Jagadish Shettar was the CM and released water to Tamil Nadu to first comply with the Supreme Court order as it would help Karnataka, which was going to file a review petition before the Apex Court, like it is being done now, Siddharamaiah, who was then the Opposition leader, had retorted, *"The Government should not have released water and should have faced the consequences. Tamil Nadu is demanding water for crops, we need it for drinking."* Where is Siddharamaiah's political bravado now?

There are State-wide bandhs, protests on the streets and debates in Vidhana Soudha, yet no permanent solution manifests. Why? Is it because politicians don't want one?

We say this because we have neither heard any political party debate about the 'formula' used to calculate water sharing, especially one applicable after a failed monsoon nor have we heard any discussion on alternative solutions to handle failed monsoon.

Not a single party talked about recharging the groundwater in Bengaluru and Mysuru so these cities can be independent of Cauvery water, which the farmers need. Instead, our leaders have silly solutions.

In 2019, our State Government ordered prominent Temples under the Muzrai Department, which are 'financially sound,' to perform special pujas on June 6 to invoke the Rain Gods. The cost? Rs. 10,000 per puja to be taken from the devotees' offering.

In short, instead of forcing the public to recycle water and protect water reservoirs, the Government recycled the Gods' money to appease the Gods! Wah!

It is time we made alternative arrangements when the rain fails, and it has to be done by the State Government. This is what protestors must demand.

The biggest issue is farmers not getting water as there is enormous demand in Bengaluru, the commercial hub of our State, so why not save the lakes of Bengaluru and provide water to the city like it was done decades ago?

Bengaluru was once called 'The land of a 1,000 lakes'. Today, it is number two on a United Nations list of cities that will run out of drinking water in the next 15 years! It is time to look at our past and learn.

Bengaluru has no perennial river close by, so lakes became the mainstay for Bengaluru's survival. But since it has altitude, Bengaluru is 3,000 feet above sea level. Kempegowda, the Founder of Bengaluru, and later Lieutenant-General Richard Hieram Sankey (after whom Sankey Tank is named) developed a 'Cascading of lakes' system.

This was a natural rainwater harvesting system wherein the run-off water (rainfall) was collected first in the lakes at the higher level. Once these filled up, they flowed to the lakes on the next level via 30-ft wide inlets called *Raja Kaluves.* They were not just reservoirs but also recharged groundwater. More importantly, they prevented flooding.

The system was so efficient that when the Captain of the British East India Company came to Bengaluru, he described it as the 'Land of a thousand lakes.'

Even today, in the Revenue Survey maps of Bengaluru, there are 937 lakes listed. But the shocking fact is that on the ground, there are only 17 'live' lakes left!

Senior scientist of the Indian Institute of Science, T. V. Ramachandra, had observed that in the past Bengaluru had no Cauvery water but still there was no water problem, because of the lakes! He says, *"The city receives around 21 TMC of rain annually and in the 1800s its lakes could hold 35 TMC of water."*

Even if the government revives the few lakes left today they can store 15TMC of water and Bengaluru needs about 20 TMC today!

In Mysuru also, an indifferent administration over the years has killed too many grand lakes. Jeevannarayana Katte, now called JK Grounds, was a small lake. It went dry as buildings surrounded it, and the feeder channels were blocked. Then there is Doddakere Maidan in front of the Palace; it suffered the same fate.

Subbarayanakere in front of Shantala Theatre (now closed) also used to be a lake; now it's dry. Even the channels to Kukkarahalli Lake are covered up, and freshwater is not coming through. Instead, sewage water does.

Then, other lakes in the city have been slowly encroached upon, like Lingambudhi Lake near Vivekanandanagar, Devanur Kere in N.R. Mohalla and lakes on the Nanjangud Road.

India is likely to become 'water scarce' by 2050. Like most major rivers, the Cauvery has seen declining water volumes. Erratic and variable rainfall, rapidly depleting groundwater, land-use modifications and water-intensive cropping patterns will only worsen the Cauvery water dispute and the tribunals will not be able to give us reprieve.

But what will save us from drought is water harvesting, rejuvenating lakes and protecting the environment of Kodagu, from where most of Cauvery flows. Sadly, the Government is not discussing implementing these, nor are the protestors!

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Builder shares experiences of working in war-torn Afghanistan

22nd Edition of BuildTech 2023 begins with seminar focused on "Futuristic Construction - A Quantum Leap into the Future"

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BLU&BCT)- Bollineni Seenaiah, past President of Builders' Association of India (BAI) and Managing Director (MD) of BSCPL Infrastructure Limited (formerly known as B. Seenaiah & Company Projects Limited), Hyderabad, shared the remarkable infrastructural achievements of his company in war-torn Afghanistan.

His company played a significant role in constructing the road from Kabul to Kandahar, the Afghanistan Parliament building, and the subsequent repair of the Indian Embassy after the US bombing in 2008.

This morning, Seenaiah was the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address at the inaugural of BuildTech 2023 — 22nd Edition, a two-day National Technical Seminar focused on "Futuristic Construction – A Quantum Leap into the Future" relevant to the construction industry. The event is being organised by BAI, Mysore Centre, in collaboration with the Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT) at MBCT Auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar here.

BSCPL's first project in the Afghanistan region involved building a section of the Kabul-Kandahar-Herat Highway in 2003. It successfully constructed 85 km out of the 360 km stretch. This highway now serves as a vital artery connecting three corners of Afghanistan, likely the first of its kind in the country's history.

The project took approximately a year to complete and following its completion, Seenaiah's son, Bollineni Krishnaiah, was honoured at a celebratory dinner at the President's Palace in Kabul, where he dined with the President and other dignitaries.

Seenaiah shared, "I started my business in 1974 with an investment of Rs. 80 lakh. After 2003, we undertook seven more road construction projects. However, the highlight was securing the contract for the construction of the Parliament building in Kabul, which took us five years but was particularly special."

Bollineni Seenaiah, past President of Builders' Association of India (BAI), inaugurating BuildTech 2023 National Technical Seminar in city this morning as BAI Mysore Centre Chairman Nagaraj V. Bairy, Mysore Builders Charitable Trust Managing Trustee N.P. Vishwanath, BuildTech Chairman Venkatesh Prasad, PWD Secretary Sathyanarayana, BuildTech Hon. Secretary H.S. Deepak and BAI Hon. Secretary K.S. Balaji look on.

Airlifting materials

Reports indicate that the total value of business generated by the Hyderabad-based firm in Afghanistan reached Rs. 2,300 crore. Another significant achievement for BSCPL was the reconstruction of the Indian Embassy after it was damaged by a bomb blast. Seenaiah explained that they had to airlift materials from India to Afghanistan, which presented considerable challenges. He emphasised that beyond making money, ensuring the safety of their employees and workers was of paramount importance.

Seenaiah recounted the challenges faced, including attacks by the Taliban while travelling and the loss of machinery worth nearly Rs. 40 crore. Initially, no insurance companies were willing to provide coverage, but after discussions with the US contracting agency, they received a written assurance of reimbursement. Despite these challenges, Seenaiah noted that the locals were friendly and amicable, with the Taliban posing the primary security threat.

"Nearly 300 construction workers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were involved in various projects across Afghanistan. The bonds of friendship between India and Afghanistan grew stronger over time. However, as security deteriorated, business prospects weakened. Working in a climate of fear was unsustainable. Safety must come first, even before business and that's the unfortunate reality in today's Afghanistan," he added.

More than 400 delegates comprising builders, developers, architects, consultants, Government representatives and engineering students are taking part in the event. The seminar features demonstration, product presentation and panel discussion.

Rs. 6.10 crore stamp duty

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In Mysuru district, there are a total of 14 Sub-Registrar Offices, including five within the city limits. The city Sub-Registrar Offices are located in Mysuru East (Dr. Rajkumar Road), Mysuru West (near Vijayanagar Water Tank), Mysuru North (Mini Vidhana Soudha, Nazarbad), Mysuru South (Ramakrishnanagar) and MUDA Office.

Additionally, there are nine Sub-Registrar Offices in Mysuru district, situated in T. Narasipur, Bannur, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar, Mirle, Periyapatna, Bettadapura, Hunsur and H.D. Kote. Officials have worked diligently, even during bandh days on Tuesday (Sept. 26) and Thursday (Sept. 29), to process applications and clear the backlog.

Officials credit this remarkable achievement to the state-of-the-art, technologically advanced Kaveri-2 software, designed to expedite property registration processes and enable efficient handling of a record number of registrations.

The citizen-friendly Kaveri-2 software ensures that most tasks can be completed online from home, with only a brief 10-minute visit to the Sub-Registrar's Office required. The adoption of Kaveri-2 software has greatly streamlined operations, reducing the need for in-person interactions and enhancing efficiency in the process, according to officials.

Karnataka to file review petition

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On Sept. 21, a special bench of the Supreme Court, established to hear the Cauvery water dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, agreed to hear Karnataka's petition seeking approval for the Mekedatu project. This reservoir aims to serve as a balancing reservoir with a storage capacity of 67 tmcft of water.

"The former Judges and Advocate Generals have advised the Government to seize the opportunity to present their case for the project before the Supreme Court, demonstrating how it can permanently resolve the water-sharing dispute between the two States," CM Siddharamaiah said.

In response to a question, Siddharamaiah mentioned that a special session would be convened if the need arose. He also clarified that the contempt of Court would only occur if the order was intentionally disobeyed. The Government is planning to establish a permanent Advisory Committee comprising experts from relevant fields to address inter-State water disputes and provide relevant advice to the Government.

Vatal Nagaraj calls for 'KRS Chalo'

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"A procession will be taken out in more than 1000 vehicles from Mysore Bank Circle in the city at 11 am. People from different parts of the State including Bidar, Belagavi and other places will join the procession. The procession which symbolically represents the participation of entire Karnataka will pass through Kengeri, Bidadi, Channapatna, Ramanagara, Maddur and Mandya before culminating near KRS reservoir," said Vatal Nagaraj.

The State Government is releasing Cauvery water to TN, by keeping the people in dark. Despite the non-cooperation of the Government, the bandh was a success, said Vatal Nagaraj.

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Music Concert

A Guruvandana programme has been organised by students of Guru Vidwan Belakavadi R. Sridhar at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road at 6 pm tomorrow (Oct. 1). On the occasion, Vidwan Sridhar will present a Karnatak Vocal Concert accompanied by Vidu. Shwetha Raghunandan (vocal), Vidu. Jyothi Chetan (veena), Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga) and Vid. M.R. Diwakar (ghata).

Health camp for women

NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru and Dr. Gowri Ramesh of Dr. Gowri Ramesh Piles Hospital have jointly organised a free piles screening camp for women at the Hospital premises on Ashoka Road on Oct. 3 from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 99161-55453 or 94487-53597, according to a press release.

Vedanta Camp

H. Ramachandra, Dharmadhikari of Mysuru Shankar Mutt has, in a press release, said that a Vedanta Camp, under the guidance of Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Mahaswamy, will be held from Oct. 6 to 8 at the Mutt's Vidyabharati Kalyan Mantap premises. Sri Shankara Bharati Swamji of Yoganandeshwara Saraswati Mutt will grace the occasion and give his blessings. Vedanta Camp will be helpful for those who want study Vedanta as a beginner as well as to those who want to expand their knowledge of Vedanta. Many Scholars from Sringeri and other parts of the State will give discourses about many Vedanta-related issues. For details, contact Mob: 74834-33427.

Ph.D awardees

Yunus Ali Kauser has been awarded Ph.D in Zoology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Altitudinal Variation in Reproductive Success and Gut Microbial Diversity of Three Sympatric Species of *Drosophila* in Chamundi Hill' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.S. Krishna. Yunus Ali is presently working as the Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Services in Bengaluru.

S. Sidde Gowda has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis 'Arjunapuri Appajigowda Avara Samaghra Sahitya' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.B. Suresha.

'Our deeds must keep others too happy'

Udupi Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji visits City Jail

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (SPN&BS)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji has said, "By nature man is a social animal who cannot live alone, but longs for happiness."

On the last day of the 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji administered Rama Mantra to the inmates of Mysuru Central Prison, after distributing various facilities and free health check-up camp organised under the joint aegis of Lions Club, Rotary Club and Rotary Innerwheel Club, last evening.

"For our personal gains, we tend to trouble others and resort to evil activities, which eventually disturbs peace and leads to crime. Even though such activities snatch the peace of others, we put our happiness over others. We should come out of such a mindset and try to do good that will make others too happy," advised Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji.

Even if we cannot do good for others, we should not wish bad for them. Such an attitude is called Dharma, which is also preached in Sanatana Dharma. A turning point in the life of Valmiki who was a Beda (hunter) brought a total transformation in him and started chanting 'Rama Mantra'. Later, he wrote *Ramayana* and became a most revered Maharshi across the world, which should be a model for others, opined Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji.

"If we chant the name of Rama in our daily life, life will be worthy. The crimes happen knowingly or unknowingly and undergo sentence as per law. When we come out of jail after completing the period of imprisonment, there is a chance to evolve as a purified person, if we regret for the offence committed as per our conscience," said Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji.

The Seer gave a call to the prisoners to resolve not to take to crime again and lead the life as a good citizen and make efforts to build a crime-free society.

Superintendent of Mysuru Central Prison P.S. Ramesh, Office-bearers of Lions and Rotary Innerwheel Clubs and others were present.

Simollanghana at Kapila river, Nanjangud

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BS)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, who completed his 36th Chaturmasya Vrata in city, was bid an emotional farewell by a large number of devotee yesterday afternoon.

Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji went to Kapila river in Nanjangud later and offered *bagina* along with milk, *arishina kumkuma* and flowers before performing *mangalarati.*

The Seer also performed 'Simollanghana' ritual by travelling in coracle decorated by flowers in the river.

The Seer also visited Sri Raghavendra Mutt in the temple town and had *darshan* of Mrithika Brindavana of Guru Rayaru. With this, Chaturmasya Vrata of the year 2023 undertook by the Seer also concluded on an official note.

IPS Officer Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao promoted as DGP

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BS)- Senior IPS Officer Dr. K. Ramachandra Rao has been promoted as Director General of Police (DGP), according to an order issued by the State Government.

Dr. Rao

Dr. Rao, who had been serving as the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) and Managing Director (MD) of Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation Ltd., has been promoted as the DGP and Chairman & MD of Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited.

The new order will be effective from Oct. 1, 2023.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (KS)- In separate cases, Mysuru Railway Police have found bodies of unidentified persons who were run over by trains and have registered cases.

In the first case, the Railway Police on Sept. 25, found a body of an unidentified man, who was run over by a moving train between Naganahalli and MNGT Railway Stations. The deceased is aged about 30 years, 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, has the name 'Shilpa' tattooed on the left side of his chest, sports beard and was wearing a light blue coloured T-shirt with black checks.

In the second case, the Railway Police, who found a body of an unidentified woman, who had come under a moving train between Yaliyur and Mandya Railway Stations, have shifted the body to MIMS in Mandya.

The deceased is aged between 45 and 50 years, 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, has a mark of an old wound on her left hand and was wearing a pink saree with blue border.

The kith and kin of the deceased persons, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

Doctor found dead in suspicious manner at Kollegal

Kollegal, Sept. 30- A 28-year-old doctor, serving in the Anaesthesiology Department at the Kollegal Sub-Division hospital, was found dead in a suspicious manner.

Dr. Sindhuja

Dr. Sindhuja, a native of Chennai, is the deceased. She had completed her MBBS in Chennai and later joined a PG course in Anaesthesiology. As part of the course, she was working at the Kollegal Government Hospital.

Dr. Sindhuja was staying in a rented house near Sri Mahadeshwara Government First Grade College in Kollegal town.

She had maintained a cordial relationship with the doctors and the staff. She left the hospital on Thursday after her duty hours, it is said. Dr Sindhuja did not come to the hospital on Friday morning, Dr. Lokeshwari from the hospital tried to contact her over mobile phone. When she did not receive the calls, a few staffers went to her house, which was locked from inside. The staff broke open the window panes and found her lying on the floor. A syringe, some medicines and a knife were found on the cot, according to the Police.

Dr. Sindhuja's wedding was fixed for January 2, 2024, it is said. Further action will be taken after Dr. Sindhuja's family members lodge a complaint, said Dy.SP Somegowda.

Sri Rajashekara Swamiji no more

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Sri Rajashekara Swamiji (78) of Naragyatanahalli Sri Virakta Mutt of T. Narasipur taluk, passed away yesterday.

Having chosen as the head of the Mutt in the 1972, the late Swamiji was successfully conducting all Mutt programmes and was also attending all religious, social and cultural programmes of the Mutt devotees.

Sri Immadi Shivakumara Swamiji will succeed him as the new head of the Mutt.

Swachhata Pakhwada: Students clean steps to Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (RK&TRR)- As part of World Tourism Day-2023 and Swachh Bharat Mission, Swachhata Pakhwada programme was organised by Tourism Department in association with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Vidyavardhaka First Grade College, at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city yesterday.

Union Minister of State for Tourism Ajay Bhatt, who was in city, congratulated the students for participating in the event.

On account of 'Swachhata Hi Seva,' students of Vidyavardhaka College cleaned all the steps from the foot of Chamundi Hill to the top and also cleaned the premises of Goddess Chamundeshwari temple, besides disposing the waste. The pourakarmikas of MCC also helped the students.

Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha, Assistant Director Raghavendra, Manager of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) Das, President of Mysore Tourist Guides Association Ashok, MCC Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Mruthyunjaya, Revenue Inspectors Shivaprasad and Preethi, Vidyavardhaka Degree College's Dr. B.S. Sriharsha, Prof. Siddaraju and V. Ramesh, Military Officer Subedar Balwant Singh, cadets of NCC 13 Karnataka Battalion and students of Vidyavardhaka Degree College, all numbering over 150 people participated in the Swachhata Pakhwada programme.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign ends at Mysuru Zoo tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (BCT)- The nation is currently celebrating a fortnight-long cleanliness festival from Sept. 15 to Oct. 1, as part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2023 campaign with the theme 'Garbage-Free India.' This initiative aims to demonstrate unity and determination, drawing inspiration from PM Modi's call for cleanliness.

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri, announced on Friday that more than 6.4 lakh sites have been adopted across the country as part of a nationwide cleanliness drive on Oct. 1.

Under this drive, various vulnerable areas where garbage accumulates, such as railway tracks, railway stations, airports, surrounding areas, water bodies, ghats, slums, marketplaces, places of worship, and tourist spots, will be cleaned.

In Mysuru, a campaign is underway at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo). Awareness programmes have been conducted to educate visitors about safeguarding the health and well-being of Zoo animals by maintaining a clean and litter-free environment.

As part of the campaign, visitors are encouraged to deposit plastic bottles at the Zoo's entrance to prevent irresponsible disposal inside the Zoo and animal enclosures. These bottles are returned to respective owners upon exiting through gates.

The culmination of this year's celebrations will occur on Oct. 1, when the entire government and citizens of the country will collaborate for cleanliness drives in various locations as part of 'Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath' - a national call to action for 1 hour of citizen-led 'Shramdaan for Swachhata' at 10 am.

Awareness programmes, cleaning drives and other environmentally friendly activities will take place at the Zoo, Karanji Lake Nature Park and Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Koorgalli.

Obituary

Srivathsa

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Srivathsa (81), retd. DFRL senior Scientist and a resident of Navilu Road in Kuvempunagar, passed away here this morning following brief illness. He was honoured by late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam for his service. A bachelor, Srivathsa leaves behind his brother, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow.

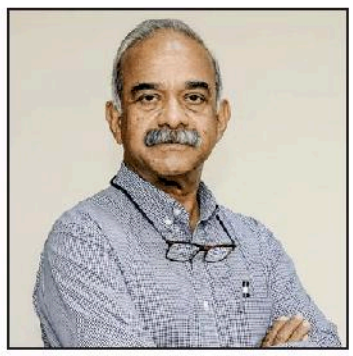
Alhaj M. Abdul Ravoof

Alhaj M. Abdul Ravoof (73), Proprietor of Hari Krishna Beedi, Mysuru and a resident of Udayagiri here, passed away at a private hospital in city last evening.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Namaz-e-Zohar at Masjid-e-Bilal in Udayagiri, Mysuru.

K.N. Shanth Kumar elected as PTI Chairman



K.N. Shanth Kumar

New Delhi, Sept. 30 (Agencies)- K.N. Shanth Kumar, Director of The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd., was elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Press Trust of India (PTI) for a one-year term on Friday. Shanth Kumar's election occurred during a meeting of PTI's Board of Directors following their Annual General Meeting at the news agency's headquarters in New Delhi.

Praveen Someshwar, the CEO of *Hindustan Times*, was elected as the Vice-Chairman.

Shanth Kumar succeeds Aveek Sarkar, who served as the Chairman for two consecutive terms.

"It is a privilege to lead PTI during this exciting transformation, especially following the recent launch of our video service," said Shanth Kumar. Shanth Kumar, aged 62, has been actively involved in managing The Printers (Mysore) Pvt. Ltd. since 1983. He has also served as Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for over 20 years.

This marks Shanth Kumar's second term as the Chairman of PTI, the previous one being from 2013 to 2014.

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Kalemane Fest on Oct. 1, 2

Bharatanatyam Competition, Awards Ceremony, Lecture-Demonstration and Prize Distribution

Vid. Chethan & Vidu. Chandraprabha; Vidu. Samudhyatha; Vid. Gururaj

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 28th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Kalemane International-level Bharatanatyam Competition, Kalemane Kalaratna Award Ceremony, Lecture-Demonstration and Prize Distribution, at Kalemane Sabhaangana in Vijayanagar on Oct. 1 from 9 am to 6 pm.

The inauguration of the Kalemane Festival will be done by Guru Dr. Bhuvaneshwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Dance, SSUHE, Chikkaballapura, Guru Vidushi M.B. Nagashree, Director of Shree Nataraja Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru and Guru Vidushi S. Sowmya Rani, Director, Sowmya Nrithya Shala, Chamundipuram, Mysuru. Guest of honour for the day will be H.N. Dinkar, Amateur Writer and Yoga Trainer.

'Kalemane Kalaratna Award' recipients are Guru Vidwan Chethan Gangatkar & Guru Vidushi Chandraprabha Chethan, Artistic Director, Natya Ninada Nrityalaya, Bengaluru; Guru Vidushi Samudhyatha Bhat, Bharatanatyam Artiste, Natyatharanga, Bengaluru and Vidwan Gururaj Vashisth, Artistic Director, Sudhindra Nritya Kalaniketana, Bengaluru. This will be followed by Lecture-Demonstration and performance.

Lec-Dem on the topic 'Aesthetics of Kuchipudi' by Guru Vidwan Chethan Gangatkar & Guru Vidushi Chandraprabha Chethan. Lec-Dem on 'Adapting Nrtta Karanas of Natyasastra in Bharatanatyam' by Guru Vidushi Samudhyatha Bhat. Bharatanatyam performance by disciples of Vidwan Gururaj Vashisth.

Moderators for the day are Vidushi Baija Rani, Research Scholar, Bengaluru, Vidushi Lakshmy Vinod, Research Scholar, Mysuru and Vidushi Anju Peter, Research Scholar.

Special invitees for the day are Guru Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna, Artistic Director, Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts, Mandya and Mysuru and Guru Vidushi Nrityakalamani Divya Prashanth, Artistic Director, Noopura Nrithyalaya, Mysuru.

October 2

The 29th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival and Kalemane Kalashree Award Ceremony are being held on Oct. 2 at Kalemane Sabhaangana from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Guest of honour for the day will be K. Harishgowda, MLA, Chamaraja Constituency.

'Kalemane Kalashree Award' recipients are Guru Vidwan G.B. Janardhana, Founder and Director, Natyatharanga, Sagara, Guru Vidwan C.R. Shivaprakash & Guru Vidushi Dr. Nandini Sivaprakash, Founders, Sri Anjana Nritya Kala Kendra, Chitradurga and Guru Vidwan G.S. Nagesh & Guru Vidushi Dr. Sriranjitha, Sree Natya Bharathi Trust.

This will be followed by performance and Lec-Dem by students of KPAC, Mysuru and disciples of Guru Karnataka Kalashree Prof. Dr. K. Kumar.

Vocal concert tomorrow at Vasudevacharya's house

Vidu. Lavanya Rupakala

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Senior artiste Vidu. Lavanya Rupakala is presenting a Karnatak Vocal Concert at Sri Mysore Vasudevacharya's house in Agrahara on Oct. 1 at 10.30 am.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Vibhudendra Simha on violin, Vid. M.R. Manjunath on mridanga and Vid. B.A. Ravikiran on morching.

Now a much sought after music teacher, **Vidu. Lavanya** has been trained by Vid. I.V.L Sastri and Vidu. Mutnuri Jalajakshi from Visakhapatnam and by the renowned teacher Vidu. Neela Ramgopal in Bengaluru. A B.Tech graduate, Lavanya is also an MA in Karnatak Music from SPMVV University, Tirupati.

Presently settled in Bengaluru, she trains students at different levels and is actively involved in promoting music.

Vibhudendra Simha, currently getting trained by Vid. T.S. Krishnamurthy, is a Graded Violinist of AIR and Doordarshan. He has accompanied and performed with senior musicians and dancers across various places in India and in the U.S.

Vid. M.R. Manjunath is a senior percussionist, with a stage experience spanning over four decades.

Vid. Ravikiran, student of Vid. Ramanujam and Jayachandra Rao, has been trained in morching by Vid. V.S. Ramesh. He has performed across the State, accompanying several senior artistes.

Nadaswara Concert on Oct. 1

Vid. R. Rangaswamy, Vid. M. S. Anand, Vid. R. Nagesh, Vid. C.S. Nagesh

Mysuru, Sept. 30- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised Nadaswara Concert by Vid. R. Rangaswamy at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar on Oct. 1 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. M.S. Anand (Nadaswara), Vid. R. Nagesh (Dholu) and Vid. C.S. Nagesh (Dholu).

Vid. R. Rangaswamy is a senior artiste with more than 40 years of experience. He started learning music under the guidance of his father. He learned Nadaswara under Guru Vid. Kalaratna Kunjabappa of Tamil Nadu. Vid. Rangaswamy is an 'A' grade artiste of Akashvani. He has been giving performances in Tirupati TV channel and Bengaluru Dooradarshan.

He has been awarded 'Karnataka Kalashri' by the Government of Karnataka.

He has performed on various prestigious platforms and has been recognised broadly.

Mane Mane Dasara to spread joy of Nada Habba

Mysuru, Sept. 30 (GA&BS)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is gearing up to spread the joy of Dasara to every household, with its unique concept 'Mane Mane Dasara' as the plans are afoot to allocate Rs. 3 lakh to each of the 65 wards here. MCC has been organising 'Mane Mane Dasara' for the last four years to an overwhelming response. However, there has been a demand for hike in funds this time, which is expected to be a reality, with the authorities concerned also thinking on these lines.

However, the situation is different now with the decision on making it a 'Traditional Dasara' giving a go by to grand plans in the wake of drought in the State. But Mayor Shivakumar has decided to organise 'Mane Mane Dasara' with the hike in funds to Rs. 3 lakh. Several cultural and sports competitions will be held along with entertainment programmes, involving locals, as part of this programme.

Mayor Shivakumar said: "We will be celebrating 'Mane Mane Dasara' this time, with the Corporators demanding Rs. 5 lakh funds for each Ward. However, we have decided to allocate Rs. 3 lakh to each Wards."

During the Special Council Meeting related to Dasara last year, the Corporators had demanded for Rs. 5 lakh funds to organise the events to keep the festive spirit in every Wards, instead of restricting the events to the heart of the city. Mayor Shivakumar who acceded to the demand announced to allocate funds to each Wards.

When S.A. Ramdas was the District Minister, 'Mane Mane Dasara' was introduced, by involving all in organising the event. Even during the tenure of V. Somanna as District Minister in 2019, funds of Rs. 1 lakh was allocated for each Ward. Rs. 2 lakh was granted last year by sanctioning total Rs. 1.3 crore funds, after the insistence of Corporators in the Special Council Meeting held last year. The permission was given to utilise funds through MCC Zonal Commissioners.

Apart from the funds sanctioned by MCC, some of the Corporators spent additionally from their own pockets to make the event grander in their respective Wards. While some of them kept silent after making preparations in this regard, others didn't make any attempt to organise the event. Some of the Corporators blamed it on releasing the funds at the last minute, for not chalking out any programmes.

The Corporators, who wanted to ensure development first rather than celebrating Dasara, had also urged for making provisions to utilise the fund for other purposes too. Accordingly, Mayor and MCC Commissioner gave their consent, which resulted in some Corporators utilising the fund for the development works of roads and parks among several other purposes.

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12th Anniversary celebrations of Devagitam Charitable Trust

Vid. A. Chandan Kumar

Mysuru, Sept. 30- As part of its 12th Anniversary celebrations, Devagitam Charitable Trust, 18th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, has organised a grand flute recital by Vid. A. Chandan Kumar at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar on Oct. 2 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vidu. H.M. Smitha on violin, Vid. H.S. Sudeendra on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

Devagitam Charitable Trust was founded in 2016 to preserve and propagate the intellectual properties like music and literature generated by scholar-composer late H. Yoganarasimham (1897-1971) and his family members.

The Trust works in the areas of Music, Academics and Literature and serves the well-being of society, according to Neeraja Achuta Rao, Managing Trustee and M.A. Jyothi, Trustee, Devagitam Charitable Trust (Mob: +91-78296-73695).

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The Vaccine War (H)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-2) 10.00 am
Pedakaapu 1 (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Skanda (Te)	(S-2)	3.55 pm, 7.05 pm
Kannur Squad (Ma)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Thothapuri 2 (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 1.30 pm
Jawan (H)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Fukrey 3 (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 4.05 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.00 pm

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Skanda (Te)	:	10.00 am, 3.45 pm, 6.35 pm
Thothapuri: Chapter 2 (K)	:	10.30 am, 7.05 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (H)	:	1.00 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello (K)	:	1.05 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	:	3.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Chithha (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
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Thothapuri: Chapter 2 (K)	:	9.10 am, 7.40 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.40 pm 7.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	:	9.30 am, 3.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Skanda (Te)	:	10.05 am, 12.10 pm, 6.50 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	:	11.55 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Jawan (H)	:	12.40 pm, 4.10 pm
Saw X (E)	:	1.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Chikku (K)	:	3.20 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	:	3.35 pm, 10:15 pm
Kannur Squad (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Fukrey 3 (H)	:	8.50 am, 12.05 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Baanadariyalli (K)	:	9.15 am, 3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 4.00 pm, 6.45 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	:	12.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Thothapuri: Chapter 2 (K)	:	12.30 pm
The Creator (E)	:	12.55 pm
Skanda (Te)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Jawan (H)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (SEPTEMBER 30)

- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** 34th Annual General Meeting (2022-23), Hotel Paradise (formerly Dasprakash Paradise), Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-795, story-telling by Prof. S. Dwaraki, Professor in English, Kuvempu First Grade College, Chennapattana, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Nypunya School of Excellence:** Prize distribution ceremony of Inter-School Painting Competition; Staging of play 'Panjarada Gini' students of Nypunya School, directed by theatre person K.R. Sumathi, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore and *Star of Mysore:*** 'Quiz Contest on Dasara' for College students on the topic 'Mysuru, Dasara and Navarathri celebrations,' Phoenix International Academy (Rotary High School), KRS Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Mahipalanandaji speaks on 'Spiritual Journey: Swami Brahmananda Way,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Mysuru Artists Association:** 'Sahasa Simha Sangeeta Sanje,' a musical programme of old Kannada film songs from Dr. Vishnuvardhan's films, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sandalwood star late Dr. Vishnuvardhan, Chamundipuram Circle, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** Singing of Vachanas in memory of late Swamiji Sridar M.L. Raje Urs, Swamiji of the Kappadi, Malavalli and Honnayakanhalli Mutts; Sri Siddalingaraje Urs, present Swamiji of the Kappadi, Malavalli and Honnayakanhalli Mutts, inaugurates, B.S. Sridharraj Urs, President, Sri Krishna Ganasabha, presides; Tatwapada and Vachana Sangeetha by Basavaraj J. Bhantanur and group, Alwar Kalabhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Karavali Samskrutika Chavadi, Hootagalli, Mysuru:** Yakshagana 'Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Mahatme,' MLA G.T. Devegowda inaugurates in the presence of Arjun Avadoota Guruji, Chavadi Hon. President Dr. Dinesh Shetty, President Ashok Kumar Shetty and Secretary A. Rakesh Rai will be present, Rangamantapa behind Sri Sarvasiddi Pradayaka Ganapati Temple and Saraswati Convention Hall, Hootagalli, **6 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust:** Bhava Kusuma, Bhavageethe programme by doctors, Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Industrialist & Promoter of Art, chief guests, T.R. Harish, President, Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust and H.R. Leelavathi, Founder, Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust, will be present, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Nadabrahma Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCTOBER 1)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 28th National Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Kalemane International-level Bharatanatyam Competition, Kalemane Kalaratna Award Ceremony, Lec-Dem and Prize Distribution, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **9 am to 6 pm.**
- **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru:** 'Ek Tareekh - Ek Ghanta' Programme under Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 3.0, a cleanliness drive, Chamundi Hill, **10 am onwards.** [Ph: 0821-2599250]
- **Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-286, mono act by P. Shreyas presented by Meru Theatre Trust and Dechi Creations, director by Meru Annigeri; Writer Devaraju P. Chikkahalli (Dechi) chief guest, Basava Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju presides, Basava Bhavana, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens:** Senior Citizens Day celebrations 2023-24, Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji auditorium, JSS Hospital premises, **11 am.** [Ph: 0821-2490333]
- **Mysuru District Kannada Shitya Parishat, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Book release — 'Bhava Sangama Suvarna Sambhrama,' a collection of letters of poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar and Dr. H.B. Rajashekar — by senior littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, Mysuru District Kannada Shitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali speaks about the book, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Special Officer Dr. S. Shivarajappa and journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guests, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, Hotel President, near Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle (formerly Hardinge Circle), **5 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti (Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt):** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 11' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**
- **Dakshina Kannada Doctors' Cultural Association:** Yakshagana 'Sri Devi Mahatme' by Yaksha Kalavidara Samagama, Dakshina Kannada, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Nadaswara recital by Vid. R. Rangaswamy and Vid. M.S. Anand, accompanied by Vid. R. Nagesh and Vid. C.S. Nagesh on dholu, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Programme:** Guruvandana to Guru Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar and Music Programme, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar, accompanied by Vidu. Shweta Raghunandan (vocal), Vid. Jyothi Chethan (veena), Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga) and Vid. M.R. Divakar (ghata); Stage programme - Sangeetha Vidyanidhi V. Nanjundaswamy and Vidu. G. Rajalakshmi Sridhar chief guests, Guruvandane to Guru Vid. Belakavadi R. Sridhar, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary KSN Prasad presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of play 'Neralu,' written by Ramachandra Sharma and directed by N. Dhananjaya, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Staging of the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha,' an adaptation of the essays written by Srinivasa Vaidya, directed by Prashanth Hiremath, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 94488-71815]
- **Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors:** Presentation of Ambassador Teacher and Ambassador Engineer Awards, Senior Environmental Officer Dr. B.M. Prakash and Biology Lecturer M.N. Gireesh chief guests, Ln. H.C. Kantharaju presides, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, **7.30 pm.**

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Fukrey 3 (H)	(S-2)	9.20 am, 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
The Vaccine War (H)	(S-4)	12.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Skanda (Te)	(S-3)	3.20 pm; (S-4) 9.00 am
Jawan (H)	(S-2)	12.35 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Chandramukhi 2 (Ta)	(S-1)	12.35 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Iraivan (Ta)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Pedakaapu -1 (Ta)	(S-3)	12.05 pm

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